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SUBJ: UNANNOUNCED PEN PRISONER RELEASES

WITHIN THE LAST WEEK THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED THREE
REPORTS FROM RELEASED PEN PRISONERS OF A LARGE PEN
PRISONER RELEASE FROM LA PLATA PRISON. ONE SOURCE,
A RELEASED PRISONER WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE PERSONALLY
SEEN THE RELEASE LIST, STATED THAT A TOTAL OF 42
PEN PRISONERS WERE SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE. SEVENTEEN
OF THESE 42 PRISONERS WERE RELEASED ACTUALLY ON
JUNE 16, 1979. HE BELIEVED THE REMAINING 25 ARE TO
BE RELEASED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. ANOTHER PRISONER,
A RIGHT OF OPTION APPLICANT WHO VISITED THE EMBASSY
JUNE 28, SPOKE OF A SEPARATE RELEASE OF 70 PRISONERS --
OF WHOM EIGHTEEN WERE RELEASED JUNE 25. TO DATE,
NO ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS PRISONER RELEASE HAS APPEARED
IN THE LOCAL PRESS. EMBASSY WILL TRY TO VERIFY THIS
RELEASE INFORMATION THROUGH PRISON OFFICIALS AT
LA PLATA PRISON.
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